New schools during the year 1116.

327. *MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state;

(*a*) the number of new schools, English and Malayalam, sanctioned during the year 1116; and

(*b*) the number of schools where recognition has been withdrawn?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON (*Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) English Schools 3.

Malayalam Schools 6.

(*b*) English Schools Nil.

Malayalam Schools 26.

Position of Factories in the State.

328. *MR. P. S. MUHAMED (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the interests of the big factories and small factories are in conflict in many respects;

(*b*) whether the non-district factories except those that belong to the big factory owners in the district are more or less run in the scale of a cottage industry; and

(*c*) whether the goods manufactured in these small factories are being sold to the district factory owners who are the exporters of the goods?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Director of Industries*): As there is no such recognised classification as big factories and small factories, it is not possible to answer the question.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: In view of the controversy and in view of the competition among factory owners, may I know whether the honourable member is aware that the standardisation of the coir industry is an immediate necessity both in the interests of labourer and the employer?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: Standardisation may be advisable. But we do not know when it will be possible.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: With reference to the answer given, may I know whether any mill or the Alleppey Chamber of Commerce has suggested any scheme for the standardisation?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: A scheme has been proposed.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know whether that scheme has been considered by Government?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: It is under consideration, Sir.

The Ceramic Expert.

329. *MR. P. SIVARAMA PILLAI (*Meenachil* cum *Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the present pay of the Ceramic Expert:

(*b*) the pay that he was getting just before he joined Travancore service;

(*c*) the qualifications and previous experience of the Ceramic Expert;

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